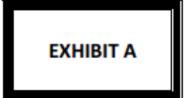
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RE: Process Served in New Mexico

FOR: Chubb National Insurance Company (Domestic State: IN)

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**DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:** Summons, Return, Complaint

**COURT/AGENCY:** Santa Fe County - First Judicial District Court, NM

Case # D101CV202101865

NATURE OF ACTION: Insurance Litigation

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## COUNT I BREACH OF CONTRACT

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underwriters, practicing as insurance claims representatives and underwriters, in evaluating and investigating claims made against its Insureds in a prompt and thorough manner.

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## COUNT II BAD FAITH

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## COUNT III VIOLATION OF THE NEW MEXICO UNFAIR CLAIMS PRACTICES ACT

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- 40. Chubb violated the New Mexico Unfair Claims Practices Act in all, but not necessarily limited to, the following ways:
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  - b. Failing to adopt and implement reasonable standards for the prompt investigation and processing of its Insureds' claims arising under the policies;
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  - d. Failing to promptly provide an Insured a reasonable explanation of the basis relied on in the policy in relation to the facts or applicable laws for denial of a claim or for the offer of a compromised settlement; and
    - e. Failing and refusing to mediate, resolve, and settle the subject claims.
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### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs Penske Truck Leasing Co., L.P. and Penske Leasing and Rental Co., L.P., pray the Court enter judgment against Defendants Chubb National Insurance Company and ACE Property and Casualty Insurance Company for:

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- 2. Punitive damages;
- 4. Pre- and post-judgment interest;
- 5. Attorney fees and costs; and
- 6. All other relief that the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted:

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## COUNT I BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 22. Penske re-alleges all previous paragraphs and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 23. Because of the Insured status under the Commercial Umbrella Policy from Chubb, Penske relied upon and placed its trust in Chubb and their employees, to act in good faith and in a reasonable manner in the event a claim was filed against Penske which was covered under the Commercial Umbrella Policy arising out of Core-Mark's use and operation of a tractor unit.
- 24. The claim filed by the Garcia Plaintiffs in the Underlying Case is exactly the type of loss Penske was assured would be covered under the Commercial Umbrella Policy.
- 25. Chubb, their employees, and agents were in a fiduciary relationship with Penske and were under a duty to use the skill, care and knowledge of other claims representatives and

underwriters, practicing as insurance claims representatives and underwriters, in evaluating and investigating claims made against its Insureds in a prompt and thorough manner.

- 26. The Commercial Umbrella Policy requires Chubb to honor its obligations under the subject policy.
- 27. Chubb breached its contract with Penske by failing to provide the coverage promised and the claims services represented.
- 28. Chubb, either intentionally, or in the alternative, negligently breached the insurance policy contractual provisions by failing to attempt in good faith to settle with the Garcia Plaintiffs under the Commercial Umbrella Policy.
- 29. As a direct result, Penske suffered damages and will suffer damages in the future in a total amount not presently determinable, but to be proven at the time of trial.

## COUNT II BAD FAITH

- 30. Penske re-alleges all previous paragraphs and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 31. Implicit in the contract of insurance is the covenant that Chubb would, at all times, act in good faith and deal honestly and fairly with Penske. At all times, Penske acted honestly and good faith in all its dealings with Chubb.
- 32. Chubb breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing in one or more of the following ways, including but not limited to:
  - a. Failing and refusing to acknowledge that the Commercial Umbrella Policy referenced above applies in this matter;
  - b. Failing and refusing to promptly and fairly investigate, process, determine, and decide Plaintiff's claims under the Commercial Umbrella Policy referenced above; and

- c. Denying and delaying coverage to Plaintiff under the Commercial Umbrella Policy referenced above.
- 33. As a direct and proximate result of Chubb's acts and omissions alleged herein, Plaintiff has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 34. Chubb's acts and omissions alleged herein in breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing were done intentionally, willfully, wantonly, grossly, maliciously and/or with reckless disregard for the rights of the Plaintiff. Accordingly, Plaintiff is entitled to recover punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the jury and sufficient to punish Chubb for its misconduct and to deter others from similar conduct in the future.

## COUNT III VIOLATION OF THE NEW MEXICO UNFAIR CLAIMS PRACTICES ACT

- 35. Penske re-alleges all previous paragraphs and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 36. At all times material hereto, Chubb engaged in the business of insurance in the State of New Mexico as defined by the New Mexico Insurance Code (NMSA§ 59A-1-4, *et seq.*) and associated statutes, including the New Mexico Unfair Claims Practices Act (NMSA§ 59A-16-1, *et seq.*).
- 37. Penske is a member of the class of the general public for whose benefit the aforementioned statutes were enacted.
- 38. Chubb, in committing the acts and omissions alleged herein, violated the statutory duties imposed on it by the New Mexico Unfair Claims Practices Act (NMSA § 59A-16-1, et seq.), including but not limited to NMSA § 59A-16-20.
- 39. Penske has a right to maintain this action against Defendants, pursuant to NMSA§59A-16-30, *et seq.*, which permits a private right of action by Penske.

- 40. Chubb violated the New Mexico Unfair Claims Practices Act in all, but not necessarily limited to, the following ways:
  - a. Failing to acknowledge and act reasonably and promptly upon communications with respect to claims from insureds arising under the policies;
  - b. Failing to adopt and implement reasonable standards for the prompt investigation and processing of its Insureds' claims arising under the policies;
  - c. Failing to attempt in good faith to effectuate prompt, fair and equitable settlements of an Insureds' claims in which liability has become reasonably clear;
  - d. Failing to promptly provide an Insured a reasonable explanation of the basis relied on in the policy in relation to the facts or applicable laws for denial of a claim or for the offer of a compromised settlement; and
    - e. Failing and refusing to mediate, resolve, and settle the subject claims.
- 41. Chubb's acts and omissions alleged herein, were committed by its employees, representatives, agents and/or designees; and of those acts and omissions were ratified or acquiesced to by Chubb
- 42. As a direct and proximate result of Chubb's acts and omissions alleged herein, Penske suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 43. Chubb's acts and omissions alleged herein, in violating the New Mexico Unfair Claims Practices Act, were done intentionally, willfully, wantonly, grossly, maliciously and/or with reckless disregard for the rights of Penske. Accordingly, Penske is entitled to recover punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the jury and sufficient to punish Chubb for its misconduct and to deter others from similar conduct in the future.

44. Penske has been forced to retain the services of attorneys to enforce its rights herein, and as such, pursuant to NMSA §59A-16-30 and NMSA §39-2-1, is entitled to an award of attorney's fees and costs associated therewith.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs Penske Truck Leasing Co., L.P. and Penske Leasing and Rental Co., L.P., pray the Court enter judgment against Defendants Chubb National Insurance Company and ACE Property and Casualty Insurance Company for:

- 1. All compensatory damages;
- 2. Punitive damages;
- 4. Pre- and post-judgment interest;
- 5. Attorney fees and costs; and
- 6. All other relief that the Court deems just and proper.

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# RETURN<sup>1</sup>

STATE	OF NEW MEXICO	)			
COUNT	TY OF	) ss. )			
	I, being duly sworn, or	n oath, state that I am over the	e age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to this lawsuit on the day of, 2021, by and discovery attached, in the following manner:		
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- 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, this return is not to be filed with the court prior to the service of the summons and complaint on the defendant.
- 2. If service is made by the sheriff or a deputy sheriff of a New Mexico county, the signature of the sheriff or deputy sheriff need not be notarized.